

INDIANA STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL (ISLAC)

October 19, 2007

Minutes

Chair Amy Harshbarger called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Members present: Nancy Conner; Nancy Dowell, Amy Harshbarger; Mary Jackson; Susan Mannan; Brian McCafferty; Yvonne Oliger; Jack Randinelli; Judy Smith; Laura Taylor; Carolyn Wheeler; Susan Wheeler; and Becki Whitaker.

Indiana State Library staff attending: Roberta Brooker; Jim Corridan; Edie Huffman; Linda Judd; Connie Rendfeld; Martha Jane Ringel; Marcia Smith-Woodard; and Jake Speer.

Roll Call: Members and staff present introduced themselves.

Minutes: The minutes from the July 20, 2007 meeting were presented. Susan Mannan moved to accept the minutes, Nancy Dowell seconded and the motion was carried.

State Library Report:

Jake Speer reported on the LSTA 5 Year Plan. The Plan was approved by the Institute of Museum and Library Services on October 1, 2007 and has been posted to the State Library's web site. LSTA applications will be available November 1 and will be due in December. A spreadsheet detailing the institutions applying and amounts requested will be presented at the January 2008 meeting. Roberta Brooker noted that the LSTA application is in the process of being revised.

Public Library Standards – Speer reported on the Public Library Standards. Public Library standards have not been updated since 2000. A recommendation has been made to review and revise the standards. A question was raised as to whether the new standards will reflect new technologies. New technologies and new certification rules will affect standards. The concept of tiered standards was brought up as a way to set up multiple goals and standards for libraries to strive towards. Becki Whitaker asked about the library automation standards that are still in the law but not promulgated.

Certification Task Force – Edie Huffman reported that five meetings have been held. The consensus from these meetings is to retain certification. The final meeting of the task force will be November 7th at 1:30 p.m. The recommendations from the task force include requiring continuing education, the certification being renewable every five years, the fee being increased to \$50 per license and complying with the state certification law requiring directors, branch heads, department heads and professional assistants to be certified. The recommendation on continuing education hours during the five year period is 100 hours for library directors, 75 hours for branch heads and department heads and 50 hours for professional assistants. Course work, conferences, workshops, WebJunction classes will count toward the continuing education requirement. Nancy Dowell commended Edie Huffman and the Certification Task Force for their hard work.

Diversity Task Force – Marcia Smith-Woodard reported that three full committee meetings and two subcommittee meetings have been held. There is an online diversity survey targeted for libraries to assess the level of ethnic/racial diversity in Indiana Libraries in preparation for adequately reflecting the communities served; and determine the current educational levels of library employees and others interested in librarianship. A grant application to IMLS to provide internships and fellowship is being prepared. The deadline for the application is December 17. It has been determined that the task force will continue and the next meeting will be held December 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Un-served Task Force – Linda Judd reported that three meetings were held. The charge to the task force is to determine how to get the un-served population of the state to be served. The property tax climate in Indiana is uncertain at this time. The task force recommends that all areas of the state should be provided with library services without specific tasks attached to the recommendation. The task force also recommends that a consultant be hired at the Indiana State Library to study library taxation, served areas, and un-served areas. There was discussion regarding serving children who may live in un-served areas in the state. Serving children is a “may” provision in the law, there may be a need to look at making it a “shall” provision. Laura Taylor stated that the Department of Education has provided grants to help serve un-served children.

Interlibrary Loan Task Force – Roberta Brooker reported that three meetings have been held and the task force is looking at many different options. This task force is an on-going task force to help make interlibrary loan simpler and more efficient.

Rules of Council – A draft of proposed amendment changes to the Rules of Council was made available at the meeting. The Indiana State Library is looking at reducing the number of people on the council without reducing the impact the Council makes when advising the State Library. The main focus of the changes was the reduction of members to the Council. There was discussion regarding ISLAC appointments and some inconsistencies in the draft were noted. A new draft regarding appointments will be sent to ISLAC for review and comments. A comment was made that since the Council would be reduced in size, it would be difficult for Council members to fill all the different committees of ISLAC. A recommendation was made to use task forces as committees of ISLAC. It was asked if the minutes of ISLAC were available on the web. It was stated that they are not yet available, but would be put up on the State Library’s website.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – no report.

Continuing Education Committee – no report.

Resource Sharing Committee – no report.

Nominating Committee – Brian McCafferty reported that the committee is looking for a vice chair. There was a call for nominations from the floor. Brian McCafferty was nominated for

vice chair. Yvonne Oliger moved that the nominations be closed and Judy Smith seconded. Motion carried. The slate of officers is as follows: Chair – Amy Harshbarger, Vice Chair – Brian McCafferty. Nancy Conner moved to accept the slate as presented, Nancy Dowell seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.

New Business:

Jack Randinelli stated that he was retiring from the Eckhart Public Library Board and from ISLAC as he had served the maximum number of years on both. A flyer was made available regarding the Indiana Historical Bureau and discounts available. The next meeting will be held January, 2008.

Adjournment: Brian McCafferty moved to adjourn the meeting, Susan Wheeler seconded. The motion carried.